

HOUSE BILL 2005

By Crawford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 18, relative to temporary licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-18-112, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection:

(b)

(1) The board may, in its discretion, grant a temporary license to a person who has been licensed, registered, or certified, in good standing, in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, that meets all other requirements for reciprocity under this chapter and rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter, but which does not require successful passage of a competency examination approved by the board.

(2) A person granted a temporary license pursuant to this section may work if the person is at all times working under the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to § 63-18-105.

(3) To obtain licensure through reciprocity, a person granted a temporary license pursuant to this section must:

(A) Successfully complete a competency exam approved by the board;

(B) Submit verification of successful completion of the competency exam to the board within six (6) months of the date of issuance of the temporary license; and

(C) Complete or satisfy all other requirements under this chapter and the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter.

(4)

(A) A temporary license issued pursuant to this section expires six (6) months after the date of issuance.

(B) A person granted a temporary license pursuant to this section may apply for one (1) extension of the person's temporary license for an additional six (6) months if:

(i)

(a) The person has been unable to take a competency exam approved by the board within the initial temporary license period; and

(b) Is registered to take an upcoming competency exam approved by the board; or

(ii) The person is still waiting for the results of the most recent competency exam approved by the board.

SECTION 2. The headings to sections in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.